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We are excited to begin the new year with the many ministries the Lord has given us! The schools are now back in session, so we will be traveling to many of these remote locations to preach to the students and distribute Bibles. Pastor Philemon has now started classes up for the Bible school in Nebilyer, so I will be teaching out there each week as well.

The local jail ministry continues to be a blessing and encouragement to me each week! Just last Thursday, I had the privilege of preaching to an exceptionally large group of prisoners that were relaxing in the courtyard and trying to soak up some sunlight. They are typically squeezed into the small cells, so I am not used to seeing them all together in one place. After giving each one of them a tract and preaching to them, there were several that requested a Bible. In response, I gave the guards a New Testament to distribute to them. I hope and pray the conviction that they experienced during the preaching will continue as they examine their own lives. Many of these prisoners will stop me on the streets later and remind me that they were listening to the preaching.

At the state prison, we get to distribute Bibles and preach to the men, women, and juveniles each Wednesday. The officer in charge recently gave us a detailed schedule with time slots since there are now several people coming on "Dedication Day". Each Wednesday any denomination is welcome to come do a service with the prisoners, yet it seemed like there were not many churches involved when we first began. Now they have a schedule with time slots for the Catholic priest, SDA pastor, Pentecostals, and several other false religions. It looks like we got the devil's attention; nonetheless, we are excited to see what the Lord has in store with this ministry!

I had a wonderful surprise recently as I was talking to one of my local suppliers at the guesthouse. Martin has been selling stuff to us for many years now, so he has become one of my friends. He told me last week that he was under so much conviction over a conversation that we had in the past about giving his life to the Lord. He excitedly told me that he has called upon the Lord to save him and now desires to live right. I have noticed a difference in him and was thrilled when he asked me for a Bible.

Brethren, let us continue to seek the lost and be a testimony to them each day.

Serving with Joy,

The Eric Fair Family